RAJYA SABHA

Saturday, the 20th July, 1991/29 Asadha, 1913 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of clock, **The Deputy Chairman** in the chair.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): On a point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to get a paper laid on the Table of the House. Let the day start with official work. Paper to be laid on the Table, Shri Shantaram Potdukhe.

PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE

The Economic Survey, 1990-01

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Economic Survey, 1990-91 [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—115/91]

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to inform the Members that the Chairman has received a letter from Shri Gaj Singh to the effect that he is on a study tour in U.K. and Spain and is unable to attend the current session. He has, accordingly, requested for the grant of leave of absence from the sittings during the current session.

It is the pleasure of the House that permission be granted to Shri Gaj Singh for remaining absent from all the sittings of the House during the current session!

(*No hon'ble Member dissented.*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted.

Now, Statement regarding Government Business. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): When will the Prime Minister reply?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Prime Minister will reply at 3 o'clock.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): I am on a point of order. (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now Special Mentions. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): Madam, I will only take half a minutes. I seek your permission. (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no. Don't seek my permission. He is on a point of order. I do not know what he wants to say. There is no order just now. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Madam, I am on a point of order. It is just the right time before the agenda is taken up. (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes.

REFERENCE TO REPORTED STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Madam Deputy Chairman, it is a parliamentary convention that when the Parliament is in session Ministers are not to make any statement outside the House. Today I saw from the papers that the Minister of State for Commerce, Mr. Chidambaram, has said that the commercial policy that has been followed was the one that I drafted as the Commerce Minister and the Cabinet Committee adopted. First of all that statement is not true. What has been adopted by the new Government is not what I had recommended. Secondly, since he has quoted from a secret Cabinet document, I would like the Government to place it on the Table of the House so that we can really know what

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this Government wants to do and what we also wanted to do. So, if they are not able to face criticism they should not at this stage put the blame on us saying that they have only adopted the previous Government's policies. If he had to do so he should have done on the very first day when the announced the commercial policy saying "this is what my predecessor had decided and we have decided to continue it." But he did not do it. Doing it now when there is criticism is not correct. Therefore, I would like to request the Leader of the House to have the document placed on the Table so that we can have a full-fledged discussion on commercial policy.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Madam, what the hon'ble Member has said here we will certainly convey to the Commerce Minister. (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute. You convey, please. (*Interruptions*)... The Minister has to make the statement about Government Business. (*Interruptions*)...Let him make that official thing. (*Interruptions*)... Then I will allow you.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE GOVERNMENT BUSINESS DURING THE WEEK COMMENCING 24TH JULY, 1991

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): With your permission, Madam, I rise to announce that Government Business during the week commencing 24th July, 1991 will consist of:—

1. Consideration of any item of Government Business carried over from today's Order Paper.

2. Consideration and return of the Appropriation (Railways) No. 3 Bill, 1991 as passed by the Lok Sabha.

3. General Discussion on the General Budget for 1991-92.

As the Members are aware, the General Budget for 1991-92 will be laid at 6.30 P.M. on Wednesday, 24th July, 1991. (*Interruptions*)...

REFERENCE TO LATHI-CHARGE ON JANATA DAL DEMONSTRATORS BEFORE U.P. NIWAS.

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): Madam Deputy Chairman, I would like to raise a very important issue. Yesterday, some of the workers belonging to the Janata Dal along with others staged a demonstration before U. P. Niwas. It was a very peaceful demonstration on the issue of Ram Janmabhoomi. But the police used tear-gas recklessly and assaulted many people which included a lot of women. And the demonstration was not at all provocative. Therefore, may I request you to convey the feelings of the House to the UP Government and ask them to hold a magisterial inquiry?

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (Maharashtra): Why UP Government? Delhi Police is responsible for it. How can you ask the UP Government?

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: I stand corrected, Delhi Police. I demand a magisterial inquiry immediately and the guilty should be punished.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Delhi Police is penetrated by the BJP.

श्री शान्ति त्यागी (उत्तर प्रदेश): कल्याण सिंह ने आदेश दिया है परसों ही... (व्यवधान)